

## Business Milestones

September 2, 2010

Just Baked offers **teachers** free cupcakes

Michigan teachers can get a free cupcake of their choice at any of Just Baked's four locations, including Livonia, on Friday, Sept. 10, **Teacher Appreciation Day**.

"Just Baked wants to let teachers know how important and valued they are and recognize them as they begin another **school year**," said Pam Turkin, owner of the specialty cupcake shop. "As our small way of saying thank you, we want to offer teachers a sweet treat to show our appreciation for their constant dedication and contributions they make to educate, encourage and challenge our children every day."

Teachers need only show their **school ID** to receive a cupcake.

Just Baked is at 33309 Seven Mile in Livonia.

Fleming's 'Summer of Giving' Series raises \$10,000

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar raised more than \$10,000 for four local charitable organizations through a series of fund-raisers titled the Summer of Giving.

The series provided local organizations with the opportunity to raise funds while expressing their appreciation to their donors. Hosted in the restaurant's private dining room, each event featured a selection of hors d'oeuvres and wine.

The Summer of Giving series kicked off on June 25 when the restaurant welcomed Seedlings Braille **Books for Children**. Additional events raised funds for the Smart Women's Empowerment Organization, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and First Step.

"We are so grateful to Fleming's for including us in the Summer of Giving series," said Katana Abbott, founder of the Smart Women's Empowerment Foundation. "Our patrons enjoyed the opportunity to experience extraordinary food, wine and service while supporting a worthy cause."

Flemings is at 17400 Haggerty, Livonia.

Tropical Smoothie Caf<sup>©</sup> expands breakfast menu

Tropical Smoothie Caf<sup>©</sup>, a tropical-themed smoothie and sandwich chain with a store in Livonia, is celebrating September is National Breakfast Month by adding three new ciabatta sandwiches and two flatbreads as well as a new Triple Berry Oat Smoothie to its breakfast menu.

In addition to the new sandwiches, flatbreads and smoothie, customers can buy a 12-ounce orange juice to accompany their breakfast meals.

"Studies show that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and with our new menu we want our guests to know we're eager to become part of their daily morning routine," said Rozalin Fakhoury, owner of Tropical Smoothie Caf<sup>©</sup> in Livonia. "Smoothies are a natural breakfast item, and we have more than 35 of them. Now we are providing even more breakfast options and making them available all day long."

Customers can get the most for their money with two breakfast combo meals, choosing either a new sandwich or flatbread and a 12-ounce orange juice for \$3.99, or a new sandwich or flatbread and a real-fruit smoothie for \$6.99 during a limited time.

Tropical Smoothie Caf<sup>©</sup> is at 30971 Five Mile.

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## ZagataRiley offers seminar series

ZagataRiley of Livonia, which specializes in engineering, analysis and prototype manufacturing of mechanical and composite systems, will start a seminar series on performance and race vehicle topics.

The first seminar, Valvetrain Fundamentals, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the company's location at 12432 Eckles. The next one, Advanced Valvetrain, will be Sept. 28. The seminars are geared for novices to experts.

Cost is \$40. For more information, visit [www.ZagataRiley.com](http://www.ZagataRiley.com) or call (734) 464-6050.

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(Left to right) Debra J. Bonde, founder and director, Seedlings Braille Books for Children; Peter Travis, operating partner, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse Wine Bar; and Therese Vick, community outreach coordinator, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, at the Summer of Giving kickoff event to benefit Seedlings Braille Books for Children. The funds raised were used to make and place approximately 240 Braille

books into the hands of blind children across the United States and around the world.

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